

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 17 March 1978.

Recommendation for Council Decision

authorizing the Commission to conduct negotiations
on behalf of the European Economic Community to
extend the International Olive Oil Agreement, 1963,
as last amended by the Protocol of 23 March 1973

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Explanatory memorandum

1. A United Nations Conference on olive oil has been arranged by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD from 5 to 7 april 1978 for the adoption of a Protocol prolonging for one year the International Olive Oil Agreement, which expires on 31 December 1978. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD has invited the Community to take part in this Conference.
2. In this connection it should be recalled that
 - on the basis of suggestions by the Commission staff, a common position for the prolongation for one year of the International Olive Oil Agreement is already with the Council at official level (COREPER of 18 November 1977);
 - this position was the subject of a statement by the Community Spokesman, made with the Council's authorization on 25 November 1977 in Madrid, during the 37th session of the IOOC; the position was accepted by all the other members of the Agreement;
 - since this position is that, at this stage, the Agreement should not be renegotiated but simply extended for one year, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in Geneva has arranged that the Conference to be held from 5 to 7 April 1978 will be restricted to the adoption of a Protocol extending the Agreement.
3. To enable the Community to participate in this negotiating conference, a Council Decision is required authorizing the Commission to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Community, in consultation with the Article 113 Committee.

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of

authorizing the Commission to conduct negotiations on behalf
of the European Economic Community, to extend the International
Olive Oil Agreement 1963, as last amended by the Protocol of
23 March 1973

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 19 December 1977 on the application
by the Community, as a provisional measure from 1 January 1978, of the Proto-
col of 23 March 1973 for the extension of the 1963 International Olive Oil
Agreement,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the 1963 International Olive Oil Agreement, as last amended by the Protocol of 23 March 1973, expires on 31 December 1978,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole Article

The Commission is hereby authorized to conduct, on behalf of the Community, negotiations for the extension by one year of the 1963 International Olive Oil Agreement.

For the application of this Decision, the Commission shall be assisted by the Special Committee provided for in Article 113 of the Treaty.

Done at Brussels,
For the Council
The President